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Welcome to the October 2005 edition of the Radio HF Internet Newsletter. I would like to welcome any new subscribers joining us this month. As usual, we have a selection of links to web sites which I hope you will find informative and entertaining. Don't forget to change your clocks back to Standard Time this month.

Mother Nature continues to show her force. We no sooner were dealing with the after-effects of Hurricane Katrina when Hurricane Rita came along, followed by Hurricane Stan. Now, this past weekend, South Asia was hit by a major, devastating earthquake, killing tens of thousands of people. We may feel that the human race is in control around here, but when Mother Nature speaks, we can only hope that we escape the wrath. Our best wishes go out to anyone in our group directly affected by the events of the past month.

A number of events are featured in this month's Special Zone. The events of Ramadan and Yom Kippur are profiled. Also Unicef and Halloween are profiled, and October is special for fans of the Internet. Find out why! Finally, October 17th marks the beginning of World Rainforest Week.

SPECIAL NOTICES

The 2006 ARRL Handbooks will be arriving this week. Expect your order to be shipped early next week.

Also, I continue to accept orders for the 2006 Passport to World Band Radio. The book is now at the printer and should be shipping in a few weeks. See the Publicity Zone for ordering details.

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THE MONTHLY SURVEY

LAST MONTH'S SURVEY

Last month's question was:

What should the United States do about the city of New Orleans?

a) Completely rebuild and restore the city in its current location
b) Rebuild the city, but relocate it to a safer location
c) Bulldoze and level the whole city and return the area to its natural habitat
d) Other suggestions? Please specify.

17 people responded with option "B" receiving 10 of the votes. The majority of people felt that, one way or another, the city should be rebuilt but it would be important to accept advice, assistance and recommendations from other cities in the world which are located below sea-level.

THIS MONTH'S SURVEY

Let's talk about movies again this month. As some of you may know, I am a "B" movie buff. I just love bad movies! I'm a really big fan of the old Japanese science fiction films like Godzilla, Mothra, Rodan and the like. I also like the cheesy late 60s and 70s horror flicks from the Britain's Hammer Film studios. There are some really bad films out there, and I just can't help but watch! So, our question is this:

What is your favourite "bad", grade B film? This would be a film that is just so bad, corny or ridiculous that you just can't help watching. Don't be embarrassed now...speak up!

Please send your response, by e-mail, to hfnewsletter@...

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THE COMMENTS ZONE

Ray Bauernhuber, NY: I really enjoy (these) monthly surveys but I would prefer a more detailed explanation of the reader's responses, if that is possible of course. Keep up the great work!

Guy Gournay, Longueuil, Quebec: Thanks for your good work.

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THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

Wow! Where did everyone go? From 15 contributors last month, we've dropped all the way down to just 4 of us this month. Let's have some participation next time around. Please take a moment to send along one or two of your favourite spots on the Internet for others to experience.

Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec
Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario
Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia
Alex Vegh, Beaconsfield, Quebec
Yahoo Weekly Picks

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THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

RAMADAN

http://www.submission.org/ramadan.html

This page offers dates as well as articles concerning Quranic instructions about Ramadan and the fasting, the lunar calendar, and the Night of Power. Ramadan began October 4th and will end on November 2nd.

JUDAISM 101: YOM KIPPUR

http://www.jewfaq.org/holiday4.htm

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is probably the most important holiday of the Jewish year. Many Jews who do not observe any other Jewish custom will refrain from work, fast and/or attend synagogue services on this day. Yom Kippur occurs on the 10th day of Tishri.

INTERNET HISTORY

http://www.isoc.org/internet/history/

October 29, 1969 is generally stated as the day the Internet was created. This page offers up a history of something that all of us are most familiar with!

WORLD RAINFOREST WEEK

http://www.ran.org/

October 17 to 23 is World Rainforest Week. Learn more from the Rainforest Action Network on this web page.

UNICEF

http://www.unicef.org/

The United Nations Children's Fund and Halloween are synonymous. So many of those trick or treaters coming to your door will be carrying the familiar black, white and orange box to collect money for Unicef. This home page focuses on the organization around the world and its work.

HALLOWEEN (FROM WIKIPEDIA)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halloween

October 31st is Halloween. This informative page gives information on the day, from many different points of view and aspects.

EVERYTHING HALLOWEEN

http://www.everythinghalloween.com/

From a lighter point of view children, of all ages, will enjoy this page dedicated to Halloween.

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THE OCTOBER ZONE

Each month we feature the monthly page from Wikipedia, the free, on-line encyclopedia.

Each month's page will feature an overview of the month, plus background and general information on the month itself. The actual monthly calendar, clickable day by day, gives a list of special events in history, famous birthdays, anniversaries, etc. for each day.

Here is the link for the month of October.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/October

Also, here are some special days in October:

MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog Month
National Book Month
National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Ramadan: Islamic Month of Fasting (Oct. 4 Nov 2)

WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS

9-15 Fire Prevention Week
17-23 World Rainforest Week

SPECIAL DAYS

12 International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction
13 Yom Kippur or Day of Atonement
24 United Nations Day
27 Separation of Church and State Day
29 Internet Created: 1969
30 Daylight Saving Time Ends: Standard Time Resumes at 2 am
31 National UNICEF Day
31 - Halloween

VIA http://espanol.ucanr.org/Calendario/October_2005.htm

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NEW FROM YAESU
YAESU VX-170 2 METER HANDHELD TRANSCEIVER

The VX-170 is a compact, high-performance FM hand-held providing up to five Watts of RF power, along with big audio output (700 mW) and unmatched protection against the elements!
Protected against water ingress to IPX7 specifications (submersion for up to 30 minutes at a depth of 3 feet), the VX-170 features long operating time, thanks to the supplied 1400 mAh NiMH Battery Pack. The 16-key VX-170 includes direct keyboard frequency entry and direct DTMF input, along with quick one-touch access to YAESU's exciting and fun WiRES-II VoIP Internet Linking system!

For further information on this unit, including technical data, visit the Yaesu VX-170 product page at:
http://www.yaesu.com/indexVS.cfm?cmd=DisplayProducts&ProdCatID=111&encProdID=vWvb5gNEReM%3D&DivisionID=65&isArchived=0

This Yaesu radio and all other Yaesu products are available from Radio HF. Please contact Radio HF for complete details on pricing and availability.

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THE RADIO ZONE

MY DXING

http://www.filatelia.fi/dx/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is a wonderful web page for anyone interested in historical shortwave radio DXing. Mr. G. Kock of Finland put this page together featuring radio station photographs, audio identification files of various international radio stations, QSL cards and station pennants.

MEDIA ACCESS PROJECT

http://www.mediaaccess.org

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

MAP is the only Washington-based organization devoted to representing listeners' and speakers' interests in electronic media and telecommunications issues before the Federal Communications Commission, other policy-making bodies, and in the courts. MAP's staff attorneys provide guidance and representation to scores of national and local non-profit groups annually. They appear frequently at academic, legislative, and professional meetings to ensure that the needs of the public are not forgotten as policies are established for the next generation. According to the National Journal, MAP is "considered by some ... dollar-for-dollar the best-run public interest group in Washington."

THE RMS TITANIC RADIO PAGE

http://www.hf.ro/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is an excellent web page specializing in the radio aspects of the Titanic disaster, including great photographs, radio traffic transcripts, etc.

THE ONE HUNDRED GREATEST MOMENTS IN OLD-TIME RADIO

http://www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/columns/century.php3

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Elizabeth McLeod has put together her list of 100 Radio Moments of the Century. What she tried to do was to come up with OTR-era moments that fit one of two categories: either major "Shared National Experiences" or moments that marked a particular milestone in the evolution of the medium.

THE MICRORADIO IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT

http://www.microradio.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Microradio Implementation Project is a national initiative to assist faith groups, community organizations, multicultural/multiracial populations, linguistic groups, and other non-profit civil sectors or municipally minded entities in establishing non-commercial low power FM stations.

PROPAGATION RESOURCE CENTRE

http://prop.hfradio.org/

VIA Alex Vegh, Beaconsfield, Quebec

This is an excellent page with many resources on different aspects of propagation.

LIVE POLICE SCAN

http://www.livepolicescan.com

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Based in the U.K., this site lists free to air Police, Fire and EMS scanner links with the aim
of updating the website with new links each week.
To listen to most scanners RealPlayer, Windows
Media Player or WinAmp need to be installed with the occasional scanner requiring Java.

RADIOING.COM

http://www.radioing.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is an excellent collection of links, resources and information on all aspects of amateur radio.

THE 500 KC. EXPERIMENTAL GROUP FOR AMATEUR RADIO

http://500kc.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Stay up to date with information on experiments going on in the 600 meter band!

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NEW FROM UNIDEN
THE UNIDEN BC-D396T SCANNER

This state-of-the-art scanner radio has TrunkTracker IV and automatic scanning capabilities. It receives both Analog and APCO 25 Digital. You can store up to 2500 frequencies such as police, fire, emergency, marine, air, amateur, trains, NASCAR and other communications into the BCD396T scanner. You can carry it with you wherever you go, use it at home as a base unit, or install it in your vehicle as a mobile unit.

For more detailed information on this new scanner from Uniden, please visit:

http://www.uniden.com/product.cfm?product=BCD396T

Uniden products, including the BC-D396T, are available from Radio HF. Please contact Radio HF for information.

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THE GENERAL ZONE

THE INTERNET PUBLIC LIBRARY

http://ipl.si.umich.edu/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The I.P.L. is the first public library of and for the Internet community, an experiment, trying to discover and promote the most effective roles and contributions of librarians to the Internet and vice versa. Browse the categories for a wealth of on-line information on thousands of topics.

THE BIG NEWS NETWORK

http://www.bignewsnetwork.com

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Big News Network.com is a specialist online news service, constantly updating around 400 categories of news on an hourly basis. Our news is collated from our own resources, major news originators, contracted services, localized sources, World class newspapers, government media, press releases, international and regional TV (cable & free-to-air) networks, radio stations, and official bodies.

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS PROGRAM

http://earthquake.usgs.gov/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Information on worldwide earthquake activity, earthquake science, and earthquake hazard reduction.

UNDERSTANDING EARTHQUAKES

http://www.crustal.ucsb.edu/ics/understanding/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

From the Institute for Crustal Studies at the University of California at Santa Barbara comes this page of information on earthquakes.

GO-BPL THE BROADBAND OVER POWERLINE WEBPAGE

http://www.gobpl.com/index.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

In these Web pages, we endeavour to present the facts surrounding BPL, and to propose alternative and safer solutions to the urgent need for broadband provision in the many areas where service is currently unavailable. GoBPL caters to everyone, from the anxious Power Company Executive to the nervous Potential Investor, from the Techno-Geek to the Media or Political Researcher.

METRO BITS

http://www.mic-ro.com/metro/

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

This fantastic pictorial shrine to subway systems the world over celebrates the art of the commute.

HMCS GLOUCESTER

http://jproc.ca/rrp/glo.html

VIA Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

Naval Radio Station Gloucester was established in February 1943 for the purpose of detecting German U-boats in the North Atlantic using interception and High Frequency Direction Finding equipment. After WWII, the role of the station changed to that of a training school for the personnel who manned Canada's signal intelligence stations and the electronic warfare rooms of Her Majesty's Canadian ships. In 1972, the school closed its doors and operations were transferred to Kingston, Ontario.

EXPLORATORIUM

http://www.exploratorium.edu/

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

A hands-on museum of science, art, and human perception in San Francisco with a web site providing interactive online exhibits and exhibitions, activities, science news.

MESSENGER

http://messenger.jhuapl.edu/index.html

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

The Mercury Surface, Space Environment, Geochemistry and Ranging project is a NASA discover mission to conduct the first orbital study of the innermost planet, Mercury. Be sure to check out the special video presentation on the spacecraft's flyby of Earth.

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The Early Development of Radio in Canada
1901-1930 By Robert P. Murran.

This new book, from Sonoran Publications, chronicles the beginning of the radio industry in Canada, highlighting the unique contributions of Canada's radio pioneers and the start-up stories of the companies that made broadcast radio a daily reality. It covers the contributions of Reginald Fessenden, Guglielmo Marconi Company, Ted Rogers, W.W. Grant and others. It also describes how the Marconi Company, Northern Electric Company, the Canadian Independent Telephone Company, R.C.A., Canadian G.E., Canadian Westinghouse and others battled for technological and legal advantage. ©2005 Sonoran. 154 pages, $35.00 CDN, plus shipping.

NEW! 2006 PASSPORT TO WORLD BAND RADIO

One of the most popular reference sources for the active shortwave listener is the annual edition of the Passport to World Band Radio. The 2006 edition is at the printer and should be arriving in a few weeks. You can reserve your copy now for $29.95 Canadian, plus postage and GST. Contact Radio HF for the full price to your location.

Here is a look at the cover of the 2006 edition:
http://www.passband.com/downloads/2006Passport_Cover06rgb.jpg

BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS

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info@...

A new, updated book list is now available on the Radio HF webpage at http://www.radiohf.ca, under Publications.

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THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

NEWS OF THE ODD

http://www.newsoftheodd.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Chia Evers is the sole author of Today in Odd History, and the editor of News of the Odd. She holds a bachelor's degree in Social Sciences from the University of Wyoming, and a JD from the University of California, Hastings. She currently resides in Southern California.

THE SPECIOUS REPORT

http://www.thespeciousreport.com

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Everything you read on this site is fictitious and solely for the purpose of entertainment. If you need a good laugh at the end of a hard day, I think you'll enjoy the humour in this one.

IOWA STATE ENTOMOLOGY INDEX: IMAGES

http://www.ent.iastate.edu/List/Images.html

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

If you like insects, particularly pictures and photographs of them, this page is for you!

TELEVISION OBSCURITIES

http://www.tvobscurities.com/

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

First launched in June of 2003, Television Obscurities began with only six features and only a few minutes of streaming media. Now, over two years later, we have more than fifty features, encompassing nearly seventy pages, with over 250 media clips, totaling over three full hours of rare audio and video from television's past.

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THE 2005 HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET AND SPECIAL EVENTS ZONE

Each month we list upcoming events, including hamfests, predominantly in Canada. NOTE: All times quoted are local. (Compiled by Vernon Ikeda VE2QQ, Pierrefonds, Quebec, and Radio Amateurs of Canada)

Saturday, October 15
Hamilton Amateur Radio Club Hamfest 2005 - Ancaster, Ontario
Location: Merritt Hall (Ancaster Fair Grounds) on Highway 53 (Rymal Road)between Southcote Road and Kittymurry Lane
Vendors 07h00 - General Admission 09h00 / Tables - 10.00$ General Admission 6.00$
Talk-in: VE3NCF 146.760 (-)
Reservations: Mardy (905)-648-0187 or via e-mail at meedson@...
Web page: http://www.hwcn.org/link/radio

Saturday, October 15
Greenwood Annual Flea Market Kingston, Nova Scotia
Greenwood Community Centre, Church St., Greenwood, Nova Scotia
Sellers 8 AM, Buyers 10AM
Admission: $3, tables free
Talk-in: VE1WN, 147.240+
Information: Guy VE1NC, 902-825-6151
Email info: ve1nc@...

Saturday, October 22
Hamfest de Rive-sud de Montréal - Longueuil, Québec
Location: Place Desaulniers, 1023, Blvd Taschereau,
Longueuil, QC
Vendors 06h00 - General Admission 09h00 - 13h00 Talk-in: VE2RSM
145.390 (-)
Information E-mail: ve2fda@...
Reservation E-mail: ve2gxe@...
Web page: http://www.ve2clm.ca/hamfesta.htm
RADIO HF WILL BE THERE

Saturday, October 29
York Region Hamfest, Markham, Ontario
York Region Amateur Radio Club,
Location: Markham Fairgrounds, McCowan Road at Elgin Mills Road E.,
Markham, ON
Vendors 6:30 a.m. Public 9:00 AM to 1:30 p.m.
Admissions $5.00. Vendors-refer to website for table fees.
Talk-in: 145.350- (VE3YRA)
Email info: yrarc_hamfest@sympatico.ca
Web Page: http://www.yrarc.on.ca

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THE RESOURCES ZONE

The following is a listing of clubs, groups, and radio broadcasts that may be of interest to you.

THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB (CIDX)

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962. Our monthly newsletter, MESSENGER, now published electronically, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby.

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Our October 2005 edition is now available. Sample copies are available for $2 each, in Canada or the U.S., or $3 overseas, or free by e-mail. Membership is open to radio hobbyists worldwide. Visit the CIDX web site for complete information, as well as special features and web site profiles, or for a membership application.

http://www.anarc.org/cidx/

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, now in it's 17th year on CKUT-FM Radio McGill, 90.3 FM in Montreal, is available via the Internet on RealAudio, live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1430 UTC/1530 UTC after time change). The show's co-hosts, Janice and Steve Karlock, present a weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting. Visit the Radio McGill web page for full CKUT programming:

http://www.ckut.ca

You may listen to archived editions of the programme through the Radio McGill web site. Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@...

RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL

When you travel abroad, take Canada with you, with Radio Canada International on shortwave, Canada's international shortwave voice. The new Radio Canada International webpage is available at:

http://www.rcinet.ca

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http://www.anarc.org/cidx/radiohf/index.html

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http://www.birdprotectionquebec.org

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